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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT B UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 20, 2006, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks along with a Request for Continued Examination.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond those, which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this Amendment. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account 19-2555.

Kindly enter the following amendment.